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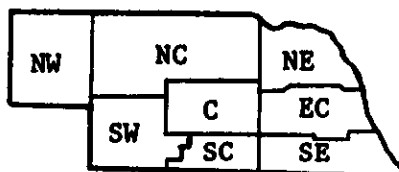
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WEATHER

The week was dry with little or no precipitation. Gradual warming took place but the average temperatures still ranged from one to four degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Clear, mild weather dried muddy field conditions allowing crop producers to resume harvesting by midweek. The hard freeze and drying weather last week has helped the drying of grains. Row crop producers were concentrating on harvesting of soybeans and sorghum, allowing corn to dry down closer to safe storage moisture levels. Harvest of sugar beets in the Panhandle advanced rapidly last week with the ideal weather conditions. Dry bean producers were finishing up harvest, which had been delayed by the unfavorable weather conditions. Some wheat producers in south central Nebraska were still planning on following their milo with winter wheat. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 3.9.

Topsoil moisture rated 66% adequate and 34% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5% short, 63% adequate and 32% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture

GENERAL (Cont.)

rated 2% short, 49% adequate and 49% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9% short, 65% adequate and 26% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 11% fair, 78% good and 11% excellent. Only spotted areas of wheat remain to be seeded. Emergence advanced to 98%, compared to 80% last year and 91% average.

Corn harvested for grain progressed to 35%, compared to 15% a year ago and 30% average.

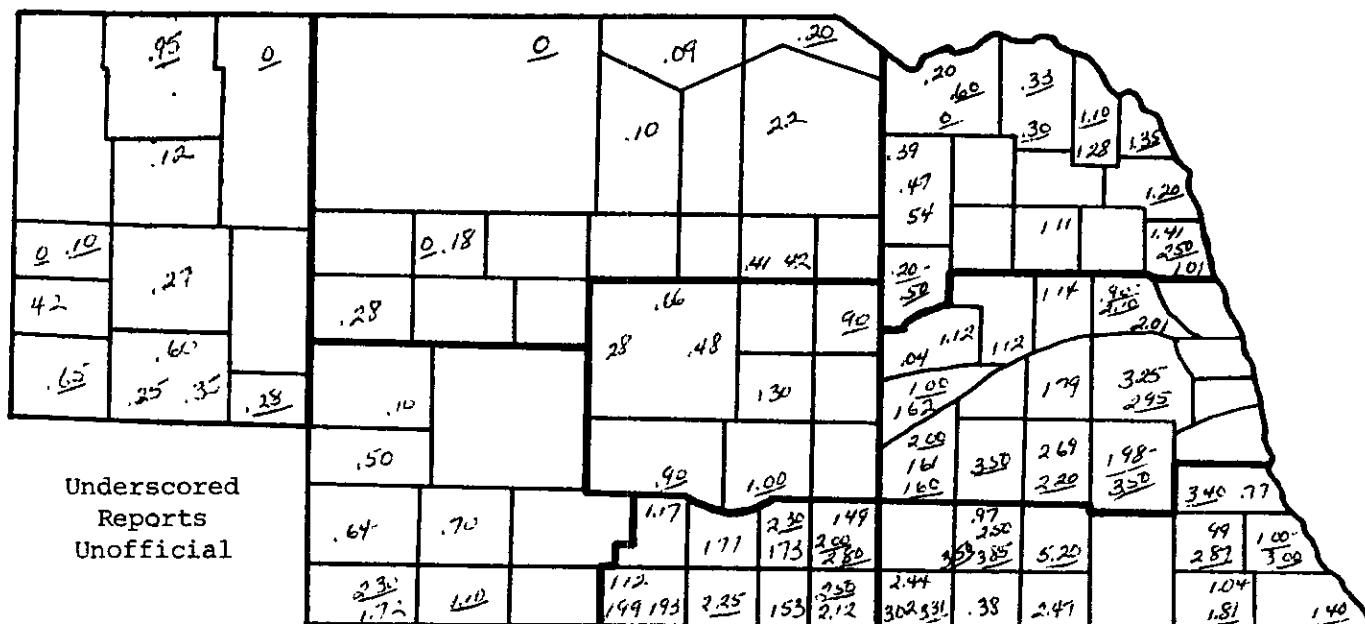
Soybeans harvested advanced rapidly last week to 45%, same as the average but ahead of 20% last year.

Sorghum harvested, at 35%, moved ahead of the 30% average. Twenty percent was harvested a year ago.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Cattle producers were busy moving cattle to winter pastures and to stalks as harvest progressed.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1986

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	77	22	49	--
	Scottsbluff	75	26	49	-1
	Sidney	--	--	--	--
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	78	12	47	-3
NE	Norfolk	77	22	49	-3
	Sioux City	76	25	49	-4
CEN	Grand Island	77	24	51	-3
EC	Lincoln	76	28	51	-3
	Omaha	74	29	50	-4
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	76	13	48	-3

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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